

Andrews Under \$1,000 Bond

Grand Jury Indictes Attorney For Oswald

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NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — The Kennedy assassination conspiracy hearing stalled on a legal hassle Thursday but the grand jury kept the probe moving with a surprise indictment.

After overnight adjournment of the special preliminary hearing on whether to send Clay L. Shaw to trial, the Orleans Parish grand jury indicted Dean A. Andrews Jr. on a charge of perjury.

Andrews, a puzzling figure in the Warren Commission investigation, was placed under \$1,

000 bond. He once was Lee Harvey Oswald's lawyer in several minor matters.

The district attorney in suburban Jefferson Parish, Frank Langridge, said he suspended Andrews from his post as an assistant district attorney earlier Thursday.

In interrogation by a Warren Commission lawyer, Andrews testified a "Clay Bertrand" contacted him about representing Oswald after the assassination. But he said he didn't know how

to contact Bertrand. The FBI never found him.

The grand jury summoned Andrews last week to ask him about his commission testimony.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison contends that "Bertrand" was an alias used by Shaw, 54, a wealthy retired executive.

In the preliminary hearing, star witness Perry R. Russo testified that he knew Shaw as "Clem Bertrand."

Before leaving the stand, Russo testified he did not get the impression that Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie intended to actively participate in an assassination attempt.

Under cross-examination about details of the conspiracy talk Russo says he heard in Ferrie's apartment, the witness was asked: "You weren't part of it?"

A. "No, sir."

Q. Was it understood that these three men would actively participate in the assassination?

A. I didn't get that impression, no.

Q. Was Dallas mentioned?

A. No.

"That's all," attorney F. Irvin Dymond said and sat down.

At that point, Russo — who admitted being hypnotized recently in the courthouse — was excused from further cross examination.

He testified earlier that he never spoke to the Warren Commission because, "I was a voice in the wilderness. I wasn't going to fight with the government."

Russo's testimony was brought out by attorneys for Shaw, who has been charged by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy.

The other two alleged conspirators — Oswald and Ferrie — are dead.

Russo, on the stand for the third straight day in a hearing to decide if Shaw should go to trial, told a three-judge Criminal District Court panel that "there were no specific instructions that I can recall" during the hypnosis sessions. He said they took place between Feb. 24 and March 13 in the office of the

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Orleans Parish — county — coroner, and were handled by Dr. Esmond Fatter.

Garrison won an important point when the court permitted Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Orleans Parish coroner, to testify about inducing hypnosis in Russo through the use of sodium pentothal, commonly known as truth serum.

Dymond objected strenuously to Chetta's testimony, and at one point during a legal hassle Judge Matthew Braniff snapped at the defense attorney: "You made the implication this witness (Russo) was crazy. You inferred that he was testifying under hypnosis and also that he tried to kill himself. Where do you get off objecting now?"

Dymond had earlier asked Russo if he had ever attempted suicide. Russo replied that he had not.

Chetta, coroner for more than 20 years, qualified as an expert witness in medicine, psychiatry and forensic medicine.

"I feel that Perry Russo fulfills all requirements of legal competency," said the articulate Chetta.

By getting Chetta's testimony admitted into the preliminary hearing, Garrison can make it part of the official record of a trial for Shaw, if one is held. The defense claimed this was

the primary reason Garrison had requested the preliminary hearing. At a trial, such testimony would be of doubtful admissibility if not already part of the case record.

The hearing recessed until 10 a.m. Friday.

Shaw's attorneys probed hard at Russo's explanation of why he did not speak to authorities immediately after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination. They hope to prove Garrison does not have sufficient evidence to take Shaw to trial.

Russo, 25, an insurance salesman from Baton Rouge, testified he was present in Ferrie's apartment in mid-September 1963 and heard Oswald, Shaw and Ferrie plotting to kill Kennedy.

Dymond, a defense attorney, said: "You're an intelligent man, Mr. Russo. You knew a long time ago that the FBI and the Warren Commission were investigating and you knew what they had said in their findings. You knew how to get to the Secret Service, the FBI and the Warren Commission to tell them what you knew."

A. I don't know about the Warren Commission. The FBI said they arrested Oswald and that he was the man. I was 23 then, a voice in the wilderness. I wasn't going to fight with the government."

Russo said he decided to come forth with his information after Ferrie died Feb. 22 because "it's a little closer to home now."